like the correct and vivid impression of the country and the mode of life which are to be gained by listening to Mr. Brees for a couple of hours, while the picture is passing before you. This painting is wanting in those elements of the poetical and the sublime to be found in the Panorama of the Nile. It has few associations: but it belongs to the present instead of the past; has great interest, though of another kind, and will well justify a visit.

A correspondent, "Q.," has requested us to draw Mr. Brees's attention to the want of ventilation in the room where the picture is exhibited, especially in the gallery, and we must add, that the fact had not escaped our notice. "Q" says justly, that it is the exhibitor's interest to remove this defect—"For any thing which prevents a spectator from appreciating the merits of his performance tends to qualify or altogether prevent the approbation which would, without doubt, in many cases, be extensively given; and the more is its careful and immediate correction to be desired, inasmuch as its influence is unknown to, or unregarded by, so many. The lassitude, and the indifference to any subject, which it inspires, would by such persons be readily ascribed to a want of merit in the exhibition itself; an opinion, the error of which its real excellence and utility would need only the assistance of a supply of pure air to demonstrate."

WIDE ESTIMATING.

TENDERS for the erection of a farm house and farm buildings, at Ashby, near Grimsby, Lincolnshire; Mr. J. Chapman, architect; viz.:—

Forman and Frow, Hull.....	£1,269	11	0
Guy, Grimsby.....	963	9	3
Roebuck, Laceby.....	950	0	0
Wallis and Hewitt, Rasen.....	900	0	0
Margesson, Hull.....	897	0	0
Johnson, Laceby.....	894	0	0
Andrews, Wainfleet.....	838	0	0
Suddaby, Waltham.....	775	0	0
Brown, Grimsby (accepted) ..	768	0	0

Tenders for the completion of eight houses in Commercial-road, Peckham, advertised for in THE BUILDER:—

Mosely and Co.	£1,198	0	0
Hall.....	1,093	0	0
Walker and Co.....	893	0	0
Tarrant	888	0	0
Shears	800	0	0
Harvey	766	0	0
Wells, Wm.	748	0	0
Drew	721	0	0
Buzzard	716	14	0
Burrell	690	0	0
Machell	656	0	0
Heath	650	0	0
Surridge	649	19	0
Frost	615	0	0
Howlett	610	0	0

Miscellanea.

TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SCARBRO.—The first stone of Trinity Congregational Church, Scarbro, was laid on Tuesday, Feb. 5, by Lady Lowthrop. It will be in the geometrical Second Pointed style, (Early Decorated) and will consist of a nave and transepts, and engaged tower at the angle of the nave. There will be a recess behind the pulpit, containing organ gallery and vestries: the nave has gabled side chapels on either side. It will contain 1,000 sittings; the total cost, including schools, will be 3,000*l*. The contractors are Messrs. Dove, Wilson, and Woodall, of Scarbro. Mr. Raffles Brown, of Liverpool, architect. The following is a list of tenders for the church.

	Excavator, Mason, Rough Mason, Bricklayer, Plasterer, and Slater.	Carpenter and Joiner.
	£. s. d.	£.
Vasey, Whitby	2,432 0 0	569
Wood, Derby	2,030 0 0	637
Myers, London	2,068 0 0	600
Thompson, Scarbro	1,797 0 0	
Crosby, Scarbro	..	660
Woodall, Scarbro	..	*633
Dove and Wilson	*1,518 14 0	

* Accepted.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.—A special general meeting of the members of the Society of Arts, convened by requisition to the Council, was held at the Adelphi last week, for the purpose of ascertaining and considering the position of the society with respect to the Great Industrial Exhibition. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Tooke, one of the vice-presidents, and a large number of the leading members were in attendance. After some formal preliminaries, Mr. Scott Russell gave a long and interesting narrative of the procedure of the council, which appeared to give satisfaction, and it was adopted and ordered to be printed and circulated for the use of the members, with additions to render it a complete report of the transactions down to the present time. As one of the executive committee, Mr. W. Dilke also made a statement of its proceedings, which the meeting received in the same spirit of satisfaction, and from which it appeared that a resolution had been passed at the committee's fourth meeting, to the effect that the contract with Messrs. Munday being at an end the functions of the executive committee were at an end also, and that they were of opinion, therefore, that it was desirable the Royal Commission should be left as free to select the best organization for carrying their intentions into effect as if the executive committee had never been appointed, and that they had to express their entire readiness at once to place their position in the hands of his Royal Highness and the Royal Commissioners.

SCOTLAND.—It has been resolved at Edinburgh to erect an architectural monument there to Lord Jeffrey. The initiative has been taken by Professor Wilson, the Lords of Session, Lord Advocate, and other influential parties, who have appointed committees in Edinburgh and London to carry out the object. ——Operations are in progress for the commencement of the proposed Fine-Art Gallery on the Mound, at Edinburgh.——The house of John Knox there is to be preserved in all time coming as a monument to the old Calvinist, funds being in course of accumulation for that purpose, and now amounting to 2,300*l*. ——A new square and arcades of mercantile offices, shops, &c., is to be built at Blythswood Holm, Glasgow, lately purchased by Mr. James Scott, who has recently visited the continent with Mr. Kirkland, architect, "for the purpose of inspecting the finest things of the kind that Europe can produce." "We believe," says the *North British Mail*, "that the design fixed upon is something after, and at least equal, if not superior, to the Palais Royal Arcade at Paris," and that "the leading features of this magnificent arcade have been retained by Mr. Kirkland in his plans, with such improvements, both in convenience and designs, as will make the Blythswood Holm buildings far outvie those of the French capital." The whole is to be fireproof, "on quite a new principle, never yet introduced into Scotland," but erected at least as cheaply as on the old system.——The Victoria dock, at Aberdeen, has been at length completed. The work began in the spring of 1844.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL.—Sir: Looking over your columns on Saturday morning last, I was much surprised to see therein a letter complaining of certain alterations as carried on in our hospital, this letter having appended to it my name. I take the earliest opportunity of writing to you to deny that I am the author of this letter, and to request of you to give me the fullest opportunity of expressing this denial. I shall also expect that you will aid me, as far as possible, in ascertaining who the individual is that has thus endeavoured to annoy and injure me by making me appear to intrude my opinion into matters with which I have no possible concern, and secretly to insinuate motives of conduct on the part of an individual officer of whom I know nothing. I am the more anxious about the matter, as on the same day a similar letter appeared in the *Nautical Standard* and in the *Kentish Independent*, showing that the individual who wrote them, could be industrious as well as malicious. PRIOR PURVIS, M.D.

*** We have forwarded to Dr. Purvis the original letter, and shall gladly assist in the endeavour to discover the perpetrator of the forgery. Against this description of deception an editor has no defence.

BUILDINGS DAMAGED DURING THE LATE STORM.—A church, building at Hammersmith, had the roof blown off, we are told. At Liverpool, the spire of Christ Church, Oxton-road, has suffered severely, and will require to be rebuilt from the base: some stones fell through the roof. The pinnacle of Grange-lane Scotch Church was blown down, and fell through the roof: and a small chapel, in same lane, had its windows blown out. The roof of the new market at Birkenhead was stripped of its lead, and nearly carried off altogether,—part of it was actually blown off. At Chester, the Independent Chapel, in Queen-street, was almost entirely unroofed; and the chimney of a house near the racecourse was lifted bodily, and set down entire and perpendicular as it stood, chimney-pot and all, in an adjacent garden. The railway station at Shrewsbury was lifted from its foundation and blown to pieces. Five of the Ribble Valley railway arches, near Preston, were shattered, it is feared irreparably. One of the pinnacles of the Roman Catholic church, Park-row, Leeds, was blown off, and fell through the roof. Part of the spire of Christ Church, Doncaster, was also blown down, injuring the roof and pews. The partial and total destruction of houses, chimney-stacks, warehouses, &c., between the Irish coast and the French, has been immense.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, NEWCASTLE. The thirty-seventh anniversary meeting of this society was held in the castle of Newcastle on Monday week, the Hon. H. T. Liddell, V.P., in the chair, when Mr. J. Adamson, the senior secretary, read the council's report, which was adopted,—and a resolution moved by the chairman, and carried unanimously, to the effect that a memorial to the Treasury be prepared, praying concurrence and aid in preserving Tynemouth Priory ruins from desecration and dilapidation. The memorial itself was also read and adopted. Dr. Charlton then stated that the Duke of Northumberland was willing to extend his survey of British and Roman camps, roads, and other remains in the north of Yorkshire, further northward, if the society felt disposed to assist; and this Dr. Charlton thought ought to be done before the visit of one of the metropolitan Archæological Societies, which might be expected in a year or two,—either of which, he was sure, would meet with a cordial welcome. After some conversation on this and other topics, and the examination of some antiquities, the meeting proceeded to elect office bearers and receive donations, &c.

THE METEOR OF MONDAY LAST.—Seeing two letters in Wednesday's *Times*, describing the meteor on Monday evening as seen from various places, and having had a very favourable opportunity of witnessing that splendid phenomenon, as seen here Rugby, I, as a constant reader of your publication, trouble you with this. On Monday evening, about ten minutes to eleven o'clock, while passing through a large open space, part used as a burial ground and part as allotment gardens, the most powerful light I ever witnessed suddenly illumined the atmosphere, and what appeared like a rocket exploded apparently a few yards from me. I walked on very quickly about two hundred yards, when I heard a rumbling of thunder, which seemed to shake the ground, and caused great consternation; the stars during the whole time shining with unusual brilliancy. Waiting an explanation from some of your philosophical readers, I am, Sir, &c.—A SURVEYOR.

METROPOLITAN SEWERS COMMISSION.—At the last meeting, in Greek-street, on a report by Mr. Forster as to the Westminster drainage being read, the Westminster Sewers Commissioners at last got the concurrence of the Metropolitan Commission to a specified scheme for the drainage of Victoria-street, &c., Westminster. The Thames is to be further damaged. A report by Mr. Gotto was then read as to the propriety of building a new sewer in Down-street, Piccadilly, 525 feet in length, and it was agreed to advertise the terms of contract.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT.—Lieut.-Col. C. F. Greene has been appointed director of Government engineering and architectural works, with a salary of 1,000*l*. a-year.

A NEW CHURCH is proposed to be erected in Carlisle-street, Portman Market.

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